

CONFIDENTIAL
U.S. Officials Only

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY Poland

SUBJECT Swiebodzin: 'M 12' Plant/Other Industries and
Installations/Agricultural Installations/Military
Garrison

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

DATE DISTR. 15 MAR 1954

NO. OF PAGES 4

NO. OF ENCLS. ?

SUPP. TO
REPORT NO.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE
OF THE UNITED STATES. WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793
AND 794, OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED, ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVEL-
ATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS
PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS REPORT IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

50X1-HUM

1. [Redacted]
2. "Swiebodzin is located on the Berlin-Poznan railway-line and is one of those typical small towns which, by the Communist structure of life, have been deprived of their former role. These small towns are no longer the natural centers of life for their surrounding areas but, instead, have become merely points of bureaucratic administration.
3. "Swiebodzin (German: Schwiebus), before World War II, had around 9000 inhabitants. It was not damaged to any large extent during the war. Several factories which disappeared from its industrial life were not bombed but dismantled after the war by Soviet military authorities or looted and pilfered by the Soviet Army during the offensive in the spring of 1945.
4. "Swiebodzin, being a district town, is now inhabited by around 7000 people Webster Geographical gives the figure of 10,437, among whom are a number of Germans (primarily German girls who married Poles after the war).

50X1-HUM

'M 12' Plant

5. "During World War II, one factory (of relatively larger importance) was installed in Swiebodzin. (Swiebodzin was then considered as being more secure from bombing raids) The plant is still in existence under the name of 'M 12' [Redacted] and belongs to the State-run group of plants producing electrical machinery. 'M 12' is located in the western outskirts of the town near Wierczewskiego street.

U.S. Officials Only

50X1-HUM

DISTRIBUTION	STATE	ARMY	NAVY	AIR	FBI	OUR EV		
--------------	-------	------	------	-----	-----	--------	--	--

This report is for the use within the USA of the Intelligence components of the Departments or Agencies indicated above. It is not to be transmitted overseas without the concurrence of the originating office through the Assistant Director of the Office of Collection and Dissemination, CIA.

CONFIDENTIAL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

50X1-HUM

6. "'M 12' is producing various types of electric ovens, and the plant specializes in the production of furnaces for hardening steel in steel mills.

the plant production is considered as a 'State secret'. Among the finished products leaving the factory for the railway station are smaller types which can be transported on regular railway freight-cars. There are other products which are transported piece by piece on 15-ton trucks. There are indications that nearly every day a number of finished products leave the plant. Daily truck-transportation from the railway station to the factory of large sheets of steel-plate, copper and brass bars (Polish term: bandowka), as well as firebricks has been observed. From these deliveries of semi-finished products, it is assumed that the factory operates as a finishing plant in the manufacture of ovens and furnaces.

50X1-HUM
50X1-HUM

7. [redacted] muffle-furnaces and chamber-furnaces are on the production-line. (Muffle-furnaces serve the purpose of treating non-bulky pieces or warming them to the desired temperature for laboratory research. These muffle-furnaces have a supposed capacity of reaching a temperature of 950° C. In actuality, their temperature can be regulated from 300° to 900° C. Chamber-furnaces differ from muffle-furnaces merely in size and arrangement of the heating-devices, and also serve the purpose of heating pieces of metal. Their highest temperature is quoted at 1000° C.)
8. "It is said that apart from the production of ovens, preparations are under way in 'M 12' to manufacture special kinds of bulbs as well as to mount insulators for high tension power lines.
9. "'M 12' employs over 600 people, who work mostly on three shifts.
10. "The factory is located in two large four-story buildings of around 60 meters' length each, connected with one another by passage-bridges.
11. "One recent new investment for this plant (which is still under construction) is a siding connecting it to the railway-line from the direction of Wilkowo (German: Wilkau).

50X1-HUM

Other Industries

50X1-HUM

12. "Among other industries in Swiebodzin are:

- (a) A furniture factory on Swierczewskiego Street [redacted], with around 400 employees working on two shifts. This factory is divided into a carpentry and upholstery department, and specializes in the production of sleeping-couches (with bed-boxes) and couches which can be converted into beds at night by unfolding them.
- (b) A brushware factory near Strzelecka Street [redacted] with around 200 people employed.
- (c) A sawmill on Matejki Street [redacted] the only sawmill remaining of the several sawmills which were in operation in Swiebodzin before World War II. This small-type sawmill, with only one saw-gate, manufactures crates for beer-bottles and trimmed lath-wood for various types of boxes used in trade.

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

Agricultural Installations

13. "Swiebodzin is one of the main collecting points in this agricultural area for enforced delivery quotas of agricultural products. It is the operating base for the northern part of Zielona Gora county and has two auxiliary points in Mostki (German: Moestchen) and Skape (German: Skampe).
14. "Some of the agricultural installations serving the above purpose are located in Swiebodzin. In the first place, there is a dairy for the production of butter and cheese [redacted] Close to the dairy is a grain-elevator with warehouses for the temporary storage of grain in transit [redacted] In August 1953, all the old wheat which had been stored in the grain-elevator since 1949 was removed,

50X1-HUM
50X1-HUM

CONFIDENTIAL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

CONFIDENTIAL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

- 3 -

- and [] all of this wheat was prepared for export to East Germany. The grain-elevator has a 1500-ton capacity. A railway siding leads from the grain-elevator to the main railway line. The temporary warehouses are scattered all over the town with the main one, which has a 1000-ton capacity, on Jeziorowa Street []
- [] Before World War II, this building was used as a municipal power plant. Another warehouse, with a 1500-ton capacity, is on Mala Street [] and there is another (with a 1200-ton capacity) on Czerwonej Armii Street near the vocational school []
15. "Swiebodzin's slaughter-house [] is of local importance only.
16. "As Swiebodzin is encircled by many PGRs and kolkhozes, such institutions as have been set up to service this kind of farming are also located in Swiebodzin. For instance, there is the CPN (State-owned oil and gasoline distribution enterprise) [] and the POM workshops on Zamkowa Street [] and the POM warehouses on Poznanska Street []
17. "The buildings for the district-management of the PGRs and the warehouses, coming under this management are located on Kolegowa Street [] on Topolowa Street [] and on Luzyska Street []
18. "The gasoline station on the corner of Poznanska and Stalina Streets is another installation serving the town and its surrounding area [] It is worth noticing that, in line with the latest scheme /communist reorganization?/, the next closest gasoline station (also State-owned) is around 50 kilometers away. (Each locality or small town can operate only one station. There are exceptions in the larger towns.)

Other Institutions and Installations

19. "Other institutions or installations in Swiebodzin worth mentioning are:
- (a) a gravel-pit in the western outskirts of town, near the 'M 12' plant []
- (b) transformers /for electric currents/ are located in the southwestern outskirts of town on Sikorskiego Street []. After World War II, when Swiebodzin was connected up with the high tension power net, the machinery from the municipal electric power plant was dismantled and transferred to the outskirts of Warsaw.
- (c) Pumping and settling-pond /sewage disposal? reservoir?/ on the northern side of Zamecko Lake (German: Schloss See) []
- (d) Gas-supply station [] near Matejki Street.
- (e) PAGED State Institution dealing in wood, together with a collecting point for scrap. PAGED is located on Poznanska Street []
- (f) Town-hall []
- (g) UB and milice /militia?/ district office on Luzyska Street []
- (h) Town Kommandatura on Zymirskiego Street []
- (i) District National Council on Rynekowa Street []
- (j) District Court []
- (k) National Bank branch office on Glogowski Street []
- (l) Municipal Hotel and restaurant on Koscielna Street []
- (m) 'Gospoda', a kind of restaurant []

CONFIDENTIAL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

50X1-HUM

CONFIDENTIAL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

50X1-HUM

(n) Movie theater on Matejki Street [redacted]

PZPR City Committee on
Artyleryjska Street [redacted]

50X1-HUM

(o) Public school on Zamkowa Street [redacted]

50X1-HUM

(p) Vocational school for mechanics [redacted]

on Partyzantow Street.

20. "The town has two churches, one on Koscielna Street (with a parochial-house) and the second on Kilinskiego Street. The latter was badly hit during World War II and was not rebuilt until now [1953].

Military Garrison

21. "The garrison of Swiebodzin is stationed southwest of town in the enlarged Ciborz exercise-grounds. This exercise-ground was already in existence during World War II under the name of Tibor Lager. The camp is situated on the road connecting Skape (German: Skampe) with Miedzylesie (German: Mittwalde). The camp is located on the southern side of the road between the road itself and Ciborze Lake (German: Mittwalder Oder Tibor See). In approximately 80 blocks and completely renovated buildings are housed an infantry regiment and some auxiliary troops. At least one company of military labor is also quartered in the camp.
22. "In 1952, the construction of two new buildings was started. Besides soldiers from military labor units, there are several dozen expert workers employed in this construction. It is said that these new blocks are going to be used to house officers and their families.
23. "The whole camp is surrounded with a rather open barbed-wire fence. There are two entrances leading into the camp and a guard-house near the gate which is closer to Miedzylesie (German: Mittwalde). All the regiment exercises are performed in the woods which are located on the northern side of the road. The exercise-ground has shooting-ranges and covers the area which is bordered by the following localities:
- (a) to the east : Rokitnica (German: Schoenwalde)
 - (b) to the north: Wegrzynice (German: Ulbersdorf)
 - (c) to the West : Zapiekle (German: Pickels-Vorwerk)."

- end -

50X1-HUM

CONFIDENTIAL/US OFFICIALS ONLY